

BENDIX RADIO CORPORATION—ARMY NAVY "E" AWARD

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All Maryland rejoices in this deserved award to Bendix Radio Division of the Bendix Aviation Corporation for its outstanding record in furtherance of the present war effort. Singled out as the only organization in your field to receive the coveted award of the combined Army and Navy "E", sincere congratulations are due everyone in this well-functioning organization. Today American boys are offering their lives in the Southwest Pacific to regain our Country's possessions, taken in the treacherous assault by the Japanese.

The men and women of Bendix, today also, can find satisfaction in the realization that they are doing their part to furnish our fighters with the implements and the equipment they need to wage a victorious struggle.

The men and women who compromise this organization, have every right to consider this award a personal decoration, for their own distinguished service to the cause of Democracy here and throughout the entire world. The faithful and efficient worker in the essential war industry, in my opinion, is a "production soldier", whose day-in and day-out efforts are all-important for our Country's success. This "production soldier" is fighting, shoulder to shoulder with the men on the oceans and in the air, the world-wide battle for the preservation of the basic freedoms. Without success on the production line, there cannot be success in military operations.

The transmission equipment which you are supplying has already been the key to success in Naval engagements. The decisive victories at Midway and the Coral Seas could not have been achieved without the means of intercommunication furnished by radio. Yesterday, it was not necessary for Admiral Nimitz to suspend operations "somewhere in the Pacific" to give his first-hand inspiring message to the American public.

The State of Maryland is, therefore, honored, by your successful achievement. Through it, you have given evidence of Maryland's eagerness to do far more than its share in this National emergency just as Marylanders, from Colonial days, have rallied, without hesitation, to every call of our National leaders. It is because of this spirit and this determination that Maryland in the present war effort has given such a worthwhile account of itself.

Today, there is more war-time activity in the comparatively small State of Maryland, than in any other State of the South, excepting the expansive State of Texas. Such a spirit accounts for the fact that 185,000 volunteers are enrolled in this State for Civilian Defense. It accounts for the fact that the Maryland State Guard has already chieved Nation-wide distinction by its rating, after inspection by the War Department, at the top rank of such State